

LSBME
RESPIRATORY CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: March 10, 2014

Time 9:14 am

Location: LSBME Office

Recorder: Diana Merendino

Present: Raymond Pisani, Brett Stafford, Ken Alexander, Michael Nolan, Beth Hamilton, Diana Merendino, Dave Vicknair

Absent: Sue Davis

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATIONS / ACTIONS
I. Call to order / establish quorum	Quorum established	
II. Approval of minutes	<p>Motion to accept minutes: Michael Nolan 2nd by Brett Stafford Yea – 5, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0</p> <p>At this time Beth Hamilton was introduced as the replacement for therapist position vacated by Adam North.</p>	
III. Old Business Dr. Susie Allen	<p>Dr. Allen was not present to give report. Report given by R. Pisani. The new online exam required by licensure began on March 1st for new applicants. Once the process has be established for new applicants they are looking at using this for renewals every 5 years and possibly giving CEU's for the exam. The exam is designed to have respiratory care practitioners familiarize themselves with the Practice Act and the Rules and Regulations for licensure.</p>	

Position Statement on; DME	The Advisory Committee agreed upon a position statement for the DME; this was sent to Dr. Mouton. This is still being worked on; Joe Bunk may develop a FAQ sheet that addresses this issue.	
Legality of LSBME quiz for initial application.	In regards to legally testing applicants on the Rules and Regulations of the profession, the LSBME will do through a promegating period that can vary in time frame. However there will be a time frame for individuals to respond to this new process; until the final ruling is made, the LSBME will continue with the implementation of the exam.	
RT Scope of Practice: RT's receiving orders from CRNA and DDS	A questions was asked if RT's could take orders from CRNA and DDS. It was established that we could take orders from CRNA, but not DDS. While a physician, the DDS is not licensed by the LSBME and therefore according to law, RT cannot take orders from DDS. The issue concerns DDS performs surgery in a facility and writes post-op orders for RT. This situation may be easier for the LSBME to address versus the RT's addressing in the practice act.	Raymond Pisani to follow-up on this discussion with Dr. Mouton.
RT Scope of Practice: Analyzing ABGs	Raymond sent letter to LSBME stating that ABG analysis was covered in our scope of practice. It was pointed out that the law states, "drawing of blood samples". This wording needs to be changed to read, "drawing and analyzing". A hospital was cited by CMS, secondary to vague verbiage. After discussion	

<p>RT Scope of Practice: Administration of Asthma and Flu Shots</p> <p>LSBME rendered opinions</p>	<p>the committee cited 3353 Definitions l(i) and 2503 Definitions l(i) as the area that covered the drawing and analysis of ABGs.</p> <p>This is a topic that has been addressed before and the ruling was that RT's could not deliver any type of injection for asthma or flu and cannot deliver any nasal vaccinations.</p> <p>Committee requested that LSBME Board forward all opinions prior to dissemination; this is a request that has been made by previous committee member and this request has not been granted.</p> <p>Ken Alexander stated that he would watch for Bills in the Legislature that deal with POC testing.</p>	<p>Raymond to take the Law and Rules and Regulations with noted references to Dr. Mouton for clarification and final documentation will be sent back to Advisory Committee.</p>
<p>IV. New Business: LSBME Website – New Look</p> <p>Update on Advisory Committee Vacancies</p>	<p>The LSBME website has changed in appearance. It is more user friendly. There is a FAQ section. The Rules will be separated by profession. They are currently updating the committee members per profession. It was asked if the FAQ , Rulings, Position Statements would be separated by position. At this time there is no separation of entities.</p> <p>Currently there are three vacancies on the committee: 2 Physicians and Community Lay Person. The individual in the Committees section at Governor's office left. There is new individual working on filling these</p>	

RT Appearance Before Board for ABG Ruling	<p>positions now.</p> <p>An RT was to appear before the LSBME Board at the next meeting to get ruling on ABG analysis; they will no longer need to appear.</p>	
4 strike rule	<p>It was noted that RT's still had the 4 strike rule in the law and rules/regulations; however the athletic trainers and the occupational therapist have challenged the rule. The OTs have promegated verbiage to have the rule removed. Ken Alexander stated that if there was a precedent with the 4 strike rule being removed set then the LSBME would have to uphold for all. The Committee would like to request this removal of 4 strike rule across the board for all professions. It is believe that is a licensure standard that conflicts with the National Board of Respiratory Care regulations in testing. There needs to be some consistency.</p>	
NBRC New Test Matrix January 2015	<p>While the 4 attempt rule does not completely rendered an individual unable to work after failure of CRT x 4 (person needs to pass RRT within 4 attempts), the new NBRC exam does not separate the CRT and RRT exams. This change will present possible challenges for applicants. While the AT's wording on licensure does not have a stipulation for remediation the OT's statement has a stipulation for remediation.</p>	Raymond to get the wording from the OT Practice Act and Rule / Regulations
Home RT Equipment	<p>A questions was sent regarding the use of LPNs in setting up respiratory equipment and performing clinical services within the home. The committee response refers back to the LPN scope of practice. If</p>	

Mail Order CPAP Studies	<p>the LPN is not in violation of the LPN practice act then they are not in violation of the RT Practice Act.</p> <p>A RT, RPSFT individual sent in information concerning a company that was sending a home testing device for home sleep studies through the mail. There is no face to face instruction with the patient. The company is accredited by the Joint Commission as a Ambulatory Care Sleep Diagnostic Center. It was pointed out the equipment was diagnostic and not therapeutic.</p>	Raymond Pisani will send letter to Board requesting an opinion.
<p>V. Other Business: In the News</p> <p>Election of Officers</p>	<p>. Raymond reported on the Kentucky One Health Cuts that was received in a letter from the AARC. With all the changes in healthcare, RTs need to redefine their roles, participate in patient education to reduce readmission rates and be mindful of the HCAPS.</p> <p>The committee members present elected: Raymond Pisani – President Diana Merendino - Secretary</p>	
VI. CEU Audit	CEU audits performed by the committee members.	
VII. 2014 Meeting Dates:	<p>March 10, 2014</p> <p>June 30, 2014</p> <p>September 8, 2014</p> <p>December 1, 2014</p>	
VII. Meeting Adjourned	<p>Motion for meeting to adjourn – Brett Stafford</p> <p>2nd Mike Nolan. Meeting adjourned at 11:50.</p>	